DEWAN BAHADUR L. VENKATAKRISHNAN: I may give one reason for many of these accidents. Most of these boats have no rudder and a rudderless boat naturally drifts. If the boatmen can provide themselves with one piece of paddle and steer the boats properly they will find it possible to take the boats without accidents.

MR. P. KOCHUKRISHNA PILLAI: May I know whether the Chief Engineer has inspected the locality?

DEWAN BAHADUR L. VENKATAKRISHNAN: I have sir,

Foot Bridge on Kuriannur-Maramon Road.

290 * **MR. K. A. MATHEW** (*Tiruvalla*): Will the Government be pleased to state:

(*a*) whether they have received a petition from the inhabitants of Maramon, Nedumprayar and Kuriannur for the construction of a foot bridge at Chakkamveli on Kuriannur-Maramon road;

(*b*) whether the bridge constructed in 1115 was ruined; and

(*c*) why no new bridge was made till now?

DEWAN BAHADUR L. VENKATAKRISHNAN: (*a*) Yes.

(*b*) Yes.

(*c*) The estimate and plan are under preparation.

Recruitment of teachers.

291 * **MR. D. THOMAS** (*Kalkulam cum Vilavancode*): Will the Government be pleased to state:

(*a*) whether they have received any representation from any association of private school teachers that when recruitment is made to departmental institutions a certain percentage is to be reserved for teachers of private institutions;

(*b*) if so what action was taken on the matter; and

(*c*) whether they are aware that the services of efficient and experienced teachers can be secured if they adhere to the policy of recruiting private school teachers to departmental institutions?

MR. A. NARAYANAN TAMPI (*Director of Public Instruction*) (*a*) Yes;

(*b*) The question was considered and it was decided that the present practice of considering each individual case on its own merit might continue.

(*c*) This does not arise, in view of the answer to part (b).

MR. D. THOMAS: May I know whether service in private schools will be taken into account when the teachers are taken into departmental schools?

MR. A. NARAYANAN TAMPI: No, Sir.

MR. T. K. NARAYANA PILLAI: May I know from the Director of Public Instruction whether when a teacher from an aided school is recruited to a departmental school, his previous service in the private school will be taken into consideration in fixing his pension?

MR. A. NARAYANAN TAMPI: No, Sir. His service is not taken into account, but in some cases where he is 35 or more, he will be given a higher grade of salary.

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